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To whom it may concern:

I strongly appose any rate increase for SCE &G for many reasons among which are:

— SCE&G was approved for a 2.5 percent rate increase annually for the next decade, following a 4.4 percent rate hike in 2008.

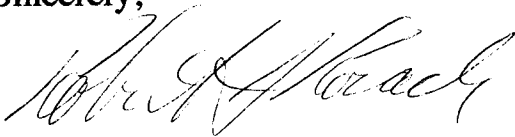
— New rate hike will boost residential power bills for the average SCE&G customer by about \$140 a year by July 2011.

— For Duke Power customers, the cost of 1,000 kilowatt hours is about \$93, following its recent rate increase. For SCE&G, the same level of power costs \$118. The rate boost, if granted, would put it at \$130.

— SCE&G has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper.

In these times of economic recession to approve any increase in rates would be wrong!

Sincerely,



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